SOCCER '83

NEWS

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the first issue of SOCCER '83 NEWS - the Tasmanian Soccer Association plan to bring you a complimentary copy each Sunday during the forthcoming season.

All readers, be they club officials, players, juniors or supporters are invited to submit copy for inclusion in SOCCER '83 NEWS - all copy can be either delivered to the Association office at 42 Darcy Street, South Hobart or forwarded by mail to the "T.S.A. Inc," at the same address.

With this first issue being available on the first Sunday matches in the 1983 SUMMER CUP I would like to take this opportunity to thank MICHAEL THE TAILOR for his continued support of this competition -this being the eighth successive year.

The competition has been re-arranged with the Cadbury League and Rothmans League teams each playing in their own competition with the respective winners, each receiving a trophy and medals.

The 1983 Cadbury League commences on Sunday, April 10th whilst the Rothmans Leagues and the Under age all commence on April 9th.

On behalf of the Committee I wish everyone an enjoyable and successful season both on and off the field.

D.R. WALLACE
Chairman

COACHING SUPPORT SCHEME FOR JUNIORS

Last year a pilot scheme was launched whereby Coaches and players from Cadbury League clubs were available to attend clinics for under age players - from Under 8 to 17. This scheme will continue in 1983 and team Managers & Coaches are invited to makeuse of this free of charge service - all you have to do is contact the T.S.A. on 231717 or after hours 491006 to make arrangements.

DATE OF BIRTH!

With player registrations received recently one caught the eye concerning veteran Joe Hanna of Taroona - he listed his date of birth as "26/4/?" -no doubt Joe has forgotten!!!!!

CLUB NEWS

CROATIA

The office bearers of the club for 1983 are - President Dennis Trueman, Secretary John Grundy and Treasurer Ian Peters.

Team Coaches for 1983 are-

Seniors	-	John Grimsey
Reserve	-	Ernie Rawlings
Under 15	-	Tony Smith
Under 14	-	Ian Peters
Under 13	-	Jim McKinnon

The club welcome and are fortunate to have the services of senior coach John Grimsey and training commenced early in January with the accent on fitness.

New signings for 1983 include Larry Nunn and Mark Oakes from Rapid Wrest Point but have lost the services of Alan Burton who has been cleared to Juventus Pioneer. Deryk Truman has returned after a spell with White Eagles and Coach Grimsey looks forward to a successful season in both the Michael the Tailor Summer Cup and the Cadbury League.

Worthy of mention is the record of Alistair Payne. Aged 30, ma-ried with a son Adam (a future Croatia player) Alistair has to date played 647 games for his club starting with the Under 19's. His senior appearances total 486 and his ambition is to play 500. Alistair would also like to coach the club at some time in the future and, of course, win a premiership as the coach.

Twice runner-up for the Rothmans Gold Medal he has been elected the best clubman for the seniors on no fewer than 5 occasions and was awarded life membership in 1978.

In conclusion the Croatia Glenorchy Soccer Club wish all T.S.A. clubs and administrators a successful season both on and off the field and look forward to assisting all in the promotion of soccer, the only recognised worldwide football.

K.G.V. DEVELOPMENT

The T.S.A. apologise to all patrons for any inconvenience being caused at Grove Road. Thanks to the co-operation of the Glenorchy City Council the area behind the goals is being terraced for the future convenience of spectators. The works should be completed early next month.

CHANGE IN THE LAW FOR GOALKEEPERS

Most people are aware that a change has been made to the Laws of the Game relative to goalkeepers and the number of steps allowed. The following is reproduced from information received from the National Coach of the Australian Soccer Referees Federation

Law Change - 1983
FOULS AND MISCONDUCT - LAW 12 - Item 5(a)

On two occasions F.I.F.A. has issued explanations on the above changes and during some pre-season games there has been some misunderstanding.

Because the Football Association, England, has interpreted the law change according to its needs but contrary to F.I.F.A. intent, the F.I.F.A. Referees Sub-Committee found it necessary to do so.

The explanatory provisions are as follows:-

1. Once the goalkeeper has the ball under his control (with his hands) and has taken up to 4 steps, the basic idea is to prevent him making "advances" in the penalty area with the ball at his feet and catching it at will with his hands.

2. "Controlling the ball" - in the goalkeeper's case - means he is holding the ball in his hands.

3. However, one cannot deviate from the fundamental principle that the goalkeeper should not be prevented and hence forbidden from playing the ball with his feet in his own penalty-area; the goalkeeper is and remains a player who is entitled to participate in the game.

4. Application
Hence the following principles of application are valid:

Once he has the ball under control (with his hands), the goalkeeper can take up to 4 steps in the time alloted to him, thus

(a) holding the ball with his hands, or
(b) letting the ball bounce on the ground, or
(c) throwing the ball in the air and catching it again.

After having taken 4 steps, he must release the ball into play. However, if after having the ball under control (with his hands), the goalkeeper decides to put it on the ground, he loses the rights listed above, thereby revealing his intention to play with his feet. From then on he can no longer touch the ball or pick it up with his hands even if he has taken less than 4 steps before another player has touched the ball.
He must, therefore, release the ball or continue to play it with his feet; in the latter case, he is entitled to take more than 4 steps because he has the same rights as the other players.

Hence the goalkeeper cannot pick up the ball twice with his hands.

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This change and its interpretation by F.I.F.A. is quite simple notwithstanding how some persons may try to read into it other explanations that are not there.

Briefly, it means that the goalkeeper may catch the ball with his hands and can take up to 4 steps in the time allotted to him (as judged by the Referee to prevent wasting time),and perform any of the three actions mentioned in (a),(b),(c).

Once he has released the ball, even if he has not taken his 4 steps, and puts it on the ground, he cannot pick it up again. It becomes an indirect free-kick if he does so.

Punching the ball out or parrying the ball to prevent a goal is not considered to be controlling the ball. Also he cannot propel the ball with his hands along the ground unless this is done within his four steps.

He can, however, like any other player (and a goalkeeper in this instance) initially stop the ball with his hand, feet, chest or hips, let it fall to the ground and dribble it, without reference to the 4 steps; should he decide to pick the ball up the 4 step rule applies.

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Note:- The Hobart Branch of the Australian Soccer Referees Federation are willing to meet with clubs and organisations to discuss this Law change. Please contact the T.S.A. for further information or copies of the above.

CLUB NEWS

RAPID WREST POINT

Rapid Wrest Point are looking forward to a challenging and exciting 1983 season. They are looking to build up the club membership this year by fielding more Junior teams. Rapid welcome the Lindisfarne Under 13 boys who will play as Lindisfarne Rapid.
Rex Calvert and Malcolm Greenwood have charge of the Under 15's and Joe Totaro has been appointed coach for the Under 17's. The club still has a few vacancies for Under 17 players and anyone interested should contact Joe Totaro on 442198.

Rapid Wrest Point will field two ladies teams this year with Chester Willcock and Lutz Metzenthin being in charge of the Ladies coaching.

The seniors will be without Eamon Kelly, David Smith, Steven Craven, Larry Nunn, Mark Oakes and John Charlton - the club wishes these players every success with their new clubs.

The club welcomes Danny Donohoe, David Spence, and Robin Dodds as new members and hope they enjoy their soccer with Rapid.

David Crosson is the club's senior coach and is imparting to the players a new language guaranteed to be misunderstood by all opposing teams - phrases heard on the training ground to date include "Geawae" - "Bonnie Lad" - and "Champion".

Rapid have been busy during the off season and are proud to announce the birth of TEGAN courtesy of Lutz and Vaneta, and the marriage of Peter and Denise Thompson. The stork will also be calling at least twice during the coming season..

Finally Rapid remind their supporters and friends that their watering hole is the CORNISH MOUNT under the captaincy of Kerry Wilson and he expects no absentees at the "Who, Won (lost), Why" discussions..

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MICHAEL THE TAILOR SUMMER CUP - 1983

Wednesday night results -

TAROONA	2	HOBART CITY	2
CROATIA	2	CALIES	1
RAPID	0	OLYMPIA	1

DO YOU TRAVEL INTERSTATE?

One of soccers major sponsonrs is OUR T.A.A. and you can support soccer in general and the Tasmaninan Soccer Association by patronising OUR T.A.A. and making your flight reservations through the Association office - all you have to do is telephone 231717 (after hours 491006), ask for Rodger Marlor - this is a complimentary service to members and supporters of soccer.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The 1983 MISS SOCCER QUEST function will again be held at Wrest Point - the Association are hopeful that ALL Cadbury League and Rothmans League clubs will have entrants for this gala night - the date?

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26TH 1983 - AT WREST POINT

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EQUIPMENT

The T.S.A. have limited stocks of match balls, training balls and other equipment. Why not call at the office, 42 Darcy Street, South Hobart - or 'phone 231717 - the office is staffed for the convenience of not only member clubs but supporters and friends.

FUTURE STARS?

Syd Cairns, well known on the Eastern Shore at least, has tomorrows stars in hand - Syd has what is known as THE NAPPY BRIGADE - a squad of players in the 5 to 6 age group who "train" regularly and have designs on taking out the Cadbury League at the very least!!!!!

SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH 1983

On the above date the "Socceroos" play England in an International match at Olympic Park, Melbourne - the final match in a three match series.
Anyone interested in attending this match should contact the T.S.A. Secretary, Rodger Marlor, on 231717 so that the T.S.A. can have an indication of the possible numbers and obtain a package deal flying OUR T.A.A.

UNDER AGE/JUNIORS - THE DIFFERENCE

With the adoption of new By-Laws and a completely new registration system there appears to be some confusion with regard to the differences between Under age, Juniors & Seniors - JUNIORS are all players under 16 as at January 1st (i.e. Under age). ALL players over 16 are classified as seniors.

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Next Wednesday - MICHAEL THE TAILOR SUMMER at K.G.V.

6.00pm	Sth Hobart	v	Phoenix
7.20pm	Juventus	v	Metro
8.40pm	Olympia	v	Calies

Next Sunday at South Hobart

11.30am	Hobart City	v	Kingborough
12.50pm	Nelson United	v	Howrah
2.10pm	Taroona	v	Clarence
3.30pm	White Eagles	v	University
4.50pm	Rapid Wrest P.	v	Croatia